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SUBJECT: INDO-VIETNAMESE NUCLEAR COOPERATION

REF: NEW DELHI 3468 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED ON GOI DECISION DURING PHAM VAN DONG  
VISIT TO NEW DELHI LAST MONTH TO PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE  
WITH NUCLEAR TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE. INDIAN DCM GOKHALE,  
AFTER CHECKING WITH NEW DELHI, TELLS US THAT NO AGREEMENT  
ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WAS SIGNED BUT DURING THE DISCUSS-  
IONS SURROUNDING THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY THE VIETNAMESE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF  
SHORT-TERM TRAINING COURSES IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE HANDLING  
OF RADIO-ACTIVE ISOTOPES. THE INDIANS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE  
TO ACCEPT 3-4 STUDENTS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF  
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SLOTS. GOKHALE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SOME BHABHA INSTITUTE  
COURSES COME UNDER IAEA SPONSORSHIP WHILE OTHERS ARE UNDER  
GOI SPONSORSHIP BUT ALL ARE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WE  
ANTICIPATE QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE IN CONGRESS AND POSSIBLY  
ELSEWHERE AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF  
THIS INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF THE ATTENTION  
THAT MAY BE GIVEN TO THE WHOLE AREA OF INDIAN NUCLEAR COOP-

ERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES WE WILL ALSO NEED INFORMATION ADDRESSING THIS BROADER ISSUE.

2. FOR NEW DELHI - IN ADDITION TO DETAILS ON INDO-VIETNAMESE NUCLEAR TRAINING, REQUEST THAT YOU ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- COUNTRIES WITH WHICH AGREEMENTS ON INDIAN NUCLEAR TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND DATE OF AGREEMENT;

-- THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND THE AREAS OF TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED (E.G. NUCLEAR POWER, MEDICINE, RESEARCH; ETC.);

-- THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED;

-- THE MEANING OF INDIAN ASSISTANCE "WITHIN THE TERMS OF INDIA'S INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS" (REFTEL, PARA 5).

YOU SHOULD ALSO REPORT ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TRAINING AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS TO INDIAN POLICY ON THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

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3. FOR BOMBAY - WE ALSO NEED DATA ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF INDIA'S TRAINING OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS:

-- A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE KINDS OF RESEARCH IN WHICH THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IS ENGAGED AND ITS TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES;

-- THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS, BY NATIONALITY IF POSSIBLE, AT THE BHABHA INSTITUTE AND THEIR AREAS OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH CONCENTRATION;

-- OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH FOREIGN NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS ARE BEING SENT FOR TRAINING AND THEIR NUMBERS AT EACH.

4. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO NON-USG INQUIRIES CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED DATA SHOULD BE CLEARLY DIFFERENTIATED WITH EMPHASIS GIVEN TO MAKING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF YOUR REPORT UNCLASSIFIED. SPECIAL STRESS SHOULD ALSO BE PLACED ON GOI POLICY STATEMENTS REGARDING FOREIGN NUCLEAR TRAINING AND EXPORTS.

5. WE REALIZE THE SCOPE OF THE INFORMATION BEING SOUGHT  
AND SUGGEST THAT IT BE FORWARDED IN SEGMENTS IN THE INTER-  
EST OF RESPONDING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRE-

CIATE RECEIVING A FIRST REPORT BY OUR OPENING OF BUSINESS,  
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